

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the number of tickborne diseases reported in Vermont has risen in 3 out of the last 5 years; and

WHEREAS, the state of Vermont had the 2nd highest incidence of Lyme disease in the country in 2014; and

WHEREAS, 99% of the tickborne diseases reported in Vermont are caused by the bite from an infected black-legged tick; and

WHEREAS, when diagnosed in their early stages, most cases of tickborne diseases can be treated effectively; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as

TICKBORNE DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH



in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 20th day of April, A.D. 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a long horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor